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I sincerely hope you will be able to increase the grant for 89: we cannot ~~supp~~ expand the work, as we ought to, and can, without more money: and money collecting

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Yours very truly

Bransby Key

Bishop [illegible]

Kaff[illegible]

P.S. Will you send me [illegible] address. Mission Field [illegible]

Kaffraria

Received Roland Gardens

I. 239 1 Feb. 88.

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My dear Mr Tucker,

I will be with you March 16, to meet your committee, & give them an account of our work.

I sincerely hope you will be able to increase the grant, for 89: we cannot ~~[illegible]~~ expand the work, as we ought to, and can, without more money: and money collecting

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money with them.

We ought indeed to have 2 new missions among heathen tribes to occupy ground still untouched. I hope to urge this before of committee.

I am now on my way north. Let me know please the time at which you meet on March 16.

Yours very truly

Bransby Key

Bp of St Johns

Kaffraria

P.S. Will you send me to the above addr. Mission Field of March 1 1887

collecting, and a dire necessity just now as we have to wipe off a debt, is surely against the grain.

We have now placed our finance on a more satisfactory basis, so that our expenditure will not exceed our income, as it has for the last 2 years: the whole is under a board now, before it was partly under the board, but the fluctuating income was at the disposal of the Bishop, so I found it:

The board includes 2 or 3 leading laymen at Umtata, and is very careful.

£500 a year would enable us to start new work: which must be done. We are the mission[ary] diocese of S. Africa: as far as the natives are concerned, I mean we have a native church on a pretty sound basis; the natives Christian & heathen are migrating from Grahamstown diocese across the Kei, but they do not bring

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My dear Mr Tucker

I have mislaid your note telling me the time of the meeting on March 16th was it 3. P.M.?

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Yrs very faithfully 729

Brownlow Key

Bp of S Johns

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THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

SOUTH KENS
MF
S.W.

Rev. H. W. Tucker.

Sec. S.P.G.

19 Delahay Street

Westminster S.W.

Kaff: Recd.
I 2442

1 Roland gardens.
London S.W.
April 3. 1888.

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My dear Sir,

I beg to urge on the Society what I spoke of at your monthly meeting of March 16th the great need there is of a mission in Pondoland: the Pondos are a nation, rather than a tribe, they can bring 40.000 men into the field, & occupy a quarter of the whole diocese, and a mission to them would be a parallel to the mission in Zululand, on rather a smaller scale.

The chief has lately died, and

we ought to take up the work while the young chief is still open to new impressions.

We should now begin this work in no tentative manner, but bringing ~~some~~ experience of years to bear upon it: we have missionaries who could go there, who know the language and the people and who could associate with them natives of tried usefulness both ordained and unordained. Our native clergy, mostly drawn from the Fingo nation, would be peculiarly suited to work among the Pondos, as many of the clans

of Pondos are really Fingoes 733
who remained in Pondoland
when their friends passed southwards
into the colony.

Two priests ought to be found
to work there, for mutual support
& encouragement: and I would
ask for not less than £500 a year for
the first few years of the Mission.
It would also be my endeavour to
associate with them a medical
missionary, and should apply to
the S.P.C.K. for assistance, in the
event of the work being set on foot
by your society.

I ought to say that we have

already a footing in the country, though active work has been in abeyance for some years.

I am
My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully

Bransby
Bp of S. John's
Kaffraria

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Kaff: I 244

1 Roland Gardens
London S.W.

April 19.

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My dear Mr Tucker,

I omitted to

mention the £50 struck
off my own stipend, last
year: I hope the Society
will see their way to give
it some back, it was a
great help, and I may
repeat that I seem

no increase of stipend on the late Bishops retirement nor shall I, at his death. All ~~that~~ I can expect is the £400 from the Scottish church, as at present, & £100 for travelling.

If it could be made to date from the beginning of the year, I should feel very thankful, as my expenses hand from England are

paid by myself.

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I am

Yrs very truly

Bransby Key.

Bp of S. John's

1 Roland Garden
June 19. 73

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My dear Mr Tucker,

I regret exceedingly I was unable to attend your meeting with the S. African Bishops last week. An old engagement to give a lecture at Wells Theo. College to the students and others, prevented me from coming; I ought to have written to this effect but it did not occur to me that I had not done so.

Yrs obtly

Bransby Key. Bp of S. John

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Dec 15. 1888.

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Umtata
King Williams Town

To the Secretary
SPG

S. Africa

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I am drawing the customary Bills on SPG. to the amount of £620. being the Society's grant for the Quarter ending Dec 31. 1888. to be expended as per enclosed details. The payer is the Umtata Branch of the Standard Bank of S. Africa as usual

I am
Sir
Yrs faithfully
Bransby Key
Bp of St John's Kaff.

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Mbokotwana
Aug 15. 88.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for sending me the Mission Field for 1881 as a gift, and for your kind permission to utilise the Reports in it about which I wrote to you. I am exceedingly obliged to you.

My post (letters) has been sent over to meet me at an outstation – the book I shall no doubt find at the post office to morrow.

I am,

yrs. very faithfully,
Alan G. S. Gibson

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St. Cuthberts
~~Tsolo~~
Griqualand East
S. Africa.
June 12. 1888.

and obtain the consent of the writers.

Apologising for troubling you, I am, Dear Sir,
Faithfully yrs.
Alan G. S. Gibson.

Dear Sir,

I should be very much obliged if you would have a copy of the Mission Field Volume of 1881 sent to me. I will send a p.o.o. for the price of the volume and postage as soon as I know what it amounts to.

May I also ask whether you will permit me to reprint two reports which appeared in that volume from Revs. W. Cameron, and R. Stewart of this diocese, with reference to the Pondomisi war? I am trying to put together a little book on that subject, and these two reports, which I have heard highly spoken of, would be a great help. I should of course acknowledge the source to which I was indebted,

Yes

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I have not recd the Annual Report of the Society for the past three or four years.

8 Febr. 1888.

Dear Mr Tucker,

My Annual Returns have been sent in, but my Quarterly Reports have not been regular, since I left All Saints. Now that I am more settled I hope to be able to fulfil all your wishes regularly, & up to time. I had no time to write a covering letter yesterday with an African legend I sent you they by post, so I write this now. I have dressed the tale up a little to fit it for the "Children's Corner", or any other corner you think best. It is called the she-wolf's plan of keeping her young ones at home by telling them to leave their tails behind if they went out.

I think it will prove interesting; my children are delighted with it.

I shall not write much in this, which is chiefly intended to take up the thread of correspondence and tell you of the legend or native tale as it really is; but reserve my account of my mission for this quarterly report. My work here is chiefly among Xosas and Basutos along both sides of the Kinira river to where it joins the Umzimvubu and beyond the Tina. The farming population of Europeans, to whom also I attend, live all along the Umzimvubu.

My native work began and is progressing, first by the gathering of the few Church people scattered

among these tribes for periodical
services and the gradual attendance
of the heathen with them, then
followed baptisms and confirmation
& all the manifold complications
of a new growing work, but
my work altogether, and specially
in gathering the Church people
together, has given very much
vexation to the French and to
Moravian missionaries who have
been working up here at different
distant centers for some years back.
Their polity is so different to what
the Church's organization can
allow, that they feel ~~the way~~
the Church's entrance among
them a great interference, and
they resent it; though I have most
studiously kept from mere prose-

baptising. Of course I have talked with three of the missionaries over these things, which differentiate the Church's way from theirs; but it does not seem to soften matters, ~~though they~~ still in conversation all seems smooth and they acknowledge the consecrance of the Church, my duty, and also promise to give willingly, even to their own people, the necessary certificates if they wish to join the church. But I feel chiefly for the Moravians for while they have and acknowledge episcopacy they have a foreign episcopate coming among them.

I hope the coming All Anglican Synod will examine thoroughly into their position & relations to the Catholic Church. Can you move anybody that way? I remain dear Sir, yours faithfully T. W. Green

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S. John's
Kaffraria Vol I
Matatiele

May 1888.

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My dear Mr Tucker

It was really very good of you to send out the 1886 Report so quickly and to take the trouble of writing as well on what I said about the Moravians. They are very faithful indeed to their work and I am very sorry that they will not move towards a restoration of a valid episcopate, and help to a state of intercommunion with us. I am on good terms with their missionary about here personally but the existence of our church causes irritation by looking after her members, as we cannot on our principles permit free communion with all bodies as they and the English Noncon-

conformists do with one another. Oh! what immense labours I w.d be saved if we could!

I am pleased that my little writing for the Children's Corner was acceptable. Do not forget to send me a copy for my little girls, to read in print what they often get me to tell them at bed time. I have a list of things in native customs to be jotted down & be written out for you when I am more settled. Was anything ever done with my "African Cinderella" which I put into one of my Quarterly Reports? I have not seen it, and I think it is well worthy of retention as a bit of native folk-lore.

Do not be hard upon me for not sending my proper full

Quarterly Report as I hoped when I wrote last. A sudden flood of outwork and consultations and decisions came upon me, and now Archdeacon Gibson has only just passed on after his official visitation and admission of Churchwardens. I am at the Report and do not mean to be spared for the pictures, but only that you will excuse me if they are not always up to time. And kindly remember that I have only two rooms as yet for all my family, and that my bedroom & study are in one of them; and my happy healthy four little girls are all always about, and in windy or cold weather must be indoors. You will know what that means about one when writing and thinking.

And in a couple of hours I
must start on horseback to lay
the corner stone of native stone
church, in a Hlubi tribe under
the chief Mnyamana, who has
undertaken the responsibility of
its erection (with my help of course),
a distance of 35 miles. But I
shall sleep at Bethesda a
Moravian mission station under
Mr Marx. And I must be
back tomorrow evening or next
morning very early, for Friday is my posting day.

We have just had a preliminary consultation here to fix
a day for electing a church committee, during our talk we had
a sum of £33. promised and a
farmer of the district hearing we were
starting a subscription list for our
church here, came and promised me
£5. Believe me yours faithfully

T. W. Green

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Dear Mr. Ketchley

Receiving your letter

30th [illegible] in reply to

[illegible] the day before

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The [illegible]
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23 Oct 88

Diocese of St. John's, Kaffraria.

Address—

REV. CANON SKELTON,
Organising Secretary.

HICKLING RECTORY,
MELTON MOWBRAY,

Octr. 22 1888

Dear Mr. Sketchley

Reverting to your letter of 30th Aug in reply to mine of the day before, & with a view to correct the impression that I believe I conveyed, viz that Rev. P. H. Case was going out to Kaffraria on his own resources, I should like to say without further delay, that I afterwards dis=

= covered in correspondence
with himself that he is
to receive a stipend.

You will remember that
I wrote by request of the
Bishop of St. John's, K., to
ask that Mr. Cases' name
should be placed in the
Socy's list.

I simply wish that
there should be no mistake

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when the application comes before the Soc^y., as I hope it may, a year hence.

Mr. Case sails next week.

Will you kindly take note, & inform Mr. Tucker also please, that a relative of Bp. Reys', Rev. C. Gamlen, has succeeded me as the Org. Secr^y. for Dio. St. John's.

Yours very truly
T. Skelton.

Diocese of ______________ *Date* ______________

This Schedule to be sent with the application, so as to reach the Society before March 1, 1888.

Diocese of St. Johns Kaffraria

Commissary in England ______

1.	Area of the Diocese (square miles) ...	
2.	Total Population of the Diocese ...	
3.	Members of the Church of England ...	4300
4.	Communicants	2363
5.	Clergy	23
6.	Parishes or Missions	
7.	Total amount of income last year available for Church purposes in the Diocese, whether derived from:	
	(a) Income of the See (please to state the amount invested and the interest thereon)	£500
	(b) Local Endowments for the Clergy ...	———
	(c) Contributions to the support of the Church under the following heads:	
	1. Offertory Collections ...	498. 13. 5½
	2. Easter Offerings ...	14. 19. 0
	3. Pew Rents	
	4. Other Donations ...	656. 0. 6½
	(d) Colonial or Imperial Treasury ...	1158. 10. 0
	(e) Grant from S.P.G.	2024. 0. 0
	(f) Grant from other Societies in England	135. 16. 8
	(g) Special Funds raised in England ...	251. 19. 11
	(h) Other Sources...	789. 5. 1
	TOTAL ... £	5529. 4. 8

N.B. Returns from Clydesdale Mission not sent in in time to be included herein Robert Stewart Dioc Sec.

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8 Missions aided by S.P.G. in 1887, and the date at which each Mission first received the Society's aid	9 Missionaries	10 Annual Grant from S.P.G.	11 Income from Local Contributions or Endowment	12 Is there a (1) Parsonage, (2) a Church, (3) both, or (4) neither?	13 Is there a Collection for Missions of S.P.G.?
Cathedral Umtata first-aided 1887.	Revd. W. M. Cameron Provost.	£57-10-0	£2. 10-0	1 no parsonage 2. a Church	yes.
St. Johns College. 1st Oct. /87	Revd. W. M. Cameron Provost.	£25.	~~~	a parsonage 2. none.	yes.
St. Cuthberts Newlosi not known.	Venble. Archdeacon A. G. S. Gibson	£350	unable to say	1 yes 2 yes, several	yes
All Saints & St. Albans first aided 1860	Revd. Canon Waters	£404	—	1 yes 2 yes 3 yes	yes.
St. Marks	Revd. E. L. Coakes	£522-10/-	—	1 yes 2 yes	yes
St. Peters Butterworth not known	Revd. W. Y. Steel	£285	£60.-	1 no 2 yes	yes
Matatiela. not aided 1887 or previously	Revd. J. W. Green	£220	—	neither	there will be in 1888
Kokstad first-aided 1877	Revd. J. J. Aitkin	£110	£50	1 no 2 School Chapel	yes
Umtata St. James never aided by S.P.G.	Revd. Canon Godwin	Nil	£100	1 yes 2 yes	yes
Umjika not aided by S.P.G.	Revd. R. Stewart	nil	nil	1 2 School Chapels 2, No	yes.

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